

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 173 - SB 182

March 1, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Emergency Communications Board (Board), under the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI), to develop a statewide implementation plan addressing text-to-911 service. Requires all local emergency communications districts (ECDs) to provide text-to-911 services by January 1, 2023.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On February 25, 2021, a fiscal note was issued estimating a fiscal impact as follows:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$652,900/FY22-23
\$389,100/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years**

And an estimated impact to commerce of:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

The Department of Commerce and Insurance has updated information pertaining to the number of ECDs that have already implemented text-to-911 services; given this information, the estimated fiscal impact has been corrected as follows:

(CORRECTED)
**Increase Local Expenditures - \$440,600/FY22-23*
\$262,600/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years***

Corrected Assumptions:

- The Board can develop an implementation plan under the provisions of the proposed legislation within existing resources.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 7-86-104, ECDs are established and funded by local governments.
- Each ECD that has not already implemented text-to-911 service would need an upgraded phone controller, media storage, proper internet connectivity, and upgraded ongoing vendor services to provide texting availability.
- An average of estimates provided by Mission Critical Partners and the State of Virginia to upgrade and continue text-to-911 service is a one-time cost of \$343 and recurring cost of \$506 per call taking position.

- According to DCI, there are 769 call taking positions within ECDs in Tennessee.
- There are 250 call taking positions within ECDs that currently provide a text-to-911 service.
- The number of call taking positions remaining to be funded is 519 (769 – 250).
- A mandatory one-time increase in local expenditures of \$178,017 ($\343×519) in FY22-23.
- A recurring mandatory increase in local expenditures, beginning in FY22-23 and subsequent years, of \$262,614 ($\506×519).
- A total increase in mandatory local expenditures of \$440,631 ($\$178,017 + \$262,614$) in FY22-23.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditures requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- No significant impact to jobs or commerce in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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